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Attention: Seth Ausubel, Remedial Project Manager

Re: Designcraft Metal Manufacturing Corporation

Dear Mr. Ausubel:

In response to Ms. Janet Conetta's October 16, 2002 correspondence, please be advised that I know nothing about the information you are requesting. I was merely the attorney for above referenced company, which has been out of business, I believe, for over 15 years.

Very truly yours,
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cc: Clay Monroe

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Designcraft Metal Manufacturing Corporation
c/o Arthur Uscher
435 Summit Avenue
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Re: Request for Information Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq., re: the Berry's Creek Study Area, Bergen County, New Jersey.

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is charged with responding to the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants into the environment and with enforcement responsibilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601-9675.

EPA has documented the release and threat of release of hazardous substances into the environment at the Berry's Creek Study Area, Bergen County, New Jersey (the "Study Area"). In response to the release and threat of release of hazardous substances at the Study Area, EPA has spent public funds and anticipates spending additional public funds pursuant to CERCLA.

Under CERCLA and other laws, responsible parties may be held liable for monies expended by the federal government in taking response actions at and around sites where hazardous substances have been released, including investigative, planning, removal, remedial and enforcement actions. Responsible parties also may be subject to orders requiring them to take response actions themselves. Responsible parties under CERCLA include, among others, the current and past owners or operators of a facility from which there has been a release or threatened release of hazardous substances, persons that arranged for the treatment or disposal of hazardous substances which were sent to such a facility, and persons that transported hazardous substances to such a facility.

The Study Area is the water body known as Berry's Creek, including the Berry's Creek Canal and the natural course of Berry's Creek; and all water bodies tributary to Berry's Creek, from its

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